

Trail	Date	Activity	Tell us about your experience
Note from a ranger			Before departing for your trail experience, please keep in mind that conditions can change rapidly this time of year. Snow and icy conditions create very hazardous conditions on forest service roads and are not advised for travel. Prepare for all weather conditions and have a back-up destination planned in case weather conditions have limited access to your desired location
Murhut Falls Trail	1/6/2016	Hiking	Waterfall is flowing pretty good right now. Close to the falls the trail is starting to erode.
Duckabush Trail	1/3/2016	Hiking	A huge tree fell across the switchbacks on Big Hump. Downed trees near the top of Big Hump. Lots of elk sign on Big Hump. Also saw tracks of a bob cat in the snow. About a foot of snow on Big Hump.
Tunnel Creek Trail	1/10/2016	Hiking	Tunnel Creek Trailhead on the Dosewallips side is currently unsigned (easy to miss, ~1 mile before the major washout); the road was only slightly icy in spots. Snow began on the trail around 2500', and snowshoes were required by ~3000' and beyond on up the trail. As mentioned elsewhere, this trail is very very steep (~5000' gain in 3.5 miles). Due to the snow cover, the trail was impossible to follow above ~4300' so route finding skills were necessary. Our group made it to 5050 Pass (where Tunnel Creek trail crosses the ridge), and ventured up to Valhalla Peak, just west of the pass. Some cornices were developing on the ridge up to the peak. Snow depth at the pass was probably greater than 5' (mostly compact with ~8-15" of powder over the top). Recommending allowing plenty of time, sufficient water, bring appropriate gear (10 essentials, +snowshoes, poles, crampons, ice-axe and check avalanche conditions forecast) and be prepared to turn back if snow conditions or weather are unfavorable.
Lower Big Quilcene Trail	1/19/2016	Hiking	"Trail is in good condition until about 1/2 - 1 mile before Camp Jolly. Due to blowdown (previously reported), it is not possilbe to continue to Camp Jolly.  Patchy snow begins shortly before Bark Shanty. The bridges were iced. After the 3rd bridge, snow continues and covers the trail totally --- especially closer to the blowdown.  We used micro spikes and trekking poles and had no problems.  We did not see any people or animals.  Another great day hiking in the Olympic National Forest."
Mount Walker	2/7/2016	Hiking	Beautiful weather, nice trail
Notch Pass	2/9/2016	Hiking	Plenty of blow downs on Notch Pass. All passable by someone athletic but would be challenging to the general user. Came across two gentlemen on Lower Quilcene upriver from the junction with Notch Pass. They were unable to navigate the blow down about 1 mile upriver from the Notch Pass /Lower Big Quilcene junction. I was able to navigate the Quilcene blow down, but it would be challenging to the general trail user.
Elbo Creek 892.1	2/6/2016	Hiking	The Elbo Creek trail is in excellent condition. There are two minor blowdowns (<12" diameter) on the second half of the trail, both are easy to get over or under. The recent trail maintenance is visible, appreciated, and was obviously performed with care. The trail was snow free. We continued on via the way trail to the upper portion of FS Road 2620(?) and then meandered on up to the summit of Buck Mountain. There was roughly 6-16" of snow on the upper portions of the FS Road and summit area around the antenna huts (elev ~3700).
Deer Ridge Trail #846	2/9/2016	Hiking	Ice from large shooting range to trail head. Trail head is a solid sheet of ice and very slippery after the sun has had a chance to melt the surface. Ice disappears at the "846" sign and trail is bare from the sign to the bench except for a couple of very tiny patches of ice. There are a few small patches of ice from the bench to the park boundary. Snow begins at the park boundary. The creek at 3,325 ft. has a good flow. Two downed trees. 47° 56.993' -123° 12.086' 6" diameter, easy step over, passable to stock. 47° 56.833' -123° 12.879' 6" diameter, easy step over, passable to stock.
staircase to camp pleasant  (In Olympic National Park)	2/7/2016	Hiking	little snow till you cross the river about 5-6 miles in. got deep quickly after that
Mt. Walker	2/9/2016	Hiking	The trail was in good condition. There was one small tree across the trail near the trail-head, but it was easy to step over. Since the road was closed, the parking was full to overflowing when I came back down with 4 cars parked along the highway.
827.1, 827.2, 812	2/14/2016	Hiking	bare and wet
Tunnel Creek	2/16/2016	Hiking	Dirt road was in decent shape. Some boulders and tree limbs to navigate around. Only snow was at the parking lot. No facilities at the trailhead. Trail was in great shape for first 1.5 miles. Some trees were down, but they were easy to climb over. Patches of snow began about 1.5 miles. Deep snow started at mile 2 where the trail levels out some. We continued to follow footprints and the concave slight depression in the snow as the trail. Snow was slushy and icy. Spikes or crampons worked fine. We had to be careful around tree wells. Snow was 2 feet deep at the shelter. Since this was our first time on the trail, we were unclear where the intended creek crossing and the trail leading to the lake was. We turned back at where we figured the crossing was. Enjoyable trail. Looking forward to making it up to the lake and 5050 Ridge later this spring.
Murhut Falls	2/14/2016	Hiking	No comments
Lena Lake (upper/ lower)	2/14/2016	Hiking	GREAT!!!! Was disappointed in myself for loosing the Upper Lena Lake trail in the snow.... Was about 6+mi in and could not keep track and did not want to loose daylight with the trail back down... Maybe a marker for those intermediate hikers when treking in the snow, would be nice!
Skokomish South Fork Trail #873	2/20/2016	Hiking	Hiked up the first 8 miles of trail (turned around at the portion of the trail across from Laney Camp). First five miles of the trail are in generally good condition. Many portions of the trail are currently serving as creek bed (anywhere from 1-6" deep) for up to 20 yards at a time. At least two creeks no longer have bridges and were running pretty deep (8-24") and required feats-of-leaping to cross without fording. Some minor blow-down across the trail would make it somewhat difficult for stock passage (a small hand-saw or axe could clear most of it). Beyond the five mile mark there are two very large blowdown across the trail that make hiker passage a little challenging (as the surrounding hillside is also quite steep), but would be impossible for stock. The trail has been partially wiped out around mile 8. Returned to the TH via the connector trail to FS Road 2355-100, 2355, 2353, and then 2353-120 and the connector trail back down to the main trail (the roads and connector trails were in good condition).
Deer Ridge Trail #846	2/23/2016	Hiking	The ice at the trail head has melted off. Trail is mostly clear from the trail head to the park boundary except for some stretches with a light dusting of snow where the canopy is thin. These patches should melt off in a day or two if it doesn't snow. A 7 inch diameter tree located at 47° 57.209' -123° 12.034' is an easy walk under for hikers but stock taller than 15 hands most likely would have to step off the trail on the downhill side to get under.
Copper Creek Trail #876	2/20/2016	Hiking	The trail is in good condition except there are several dead rotten trees that have fallen across the trail. at about 1.7 miles the trail is mostly blocked by a tree with lots of limbs. We did not try to go around this because were in about 4 inches of wet sloppy snow. The main gravel road along Lake Cushman is very rough
Murhut Falls #828	3/2/2016	Hiking	The trail is in very good condition and the falls were spectacular. The Duckabush Road #2510 where it is gravel is very rough with potholes.